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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated October 22, 2003, entry of the following election is respectfully requested.

ELECTION

Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group II, namely, claims 49-67.

REMARKS

Applicants have elected, with traverse, claims 49-67. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement because under Rule 475, Applicants are entitled to have all of claims 33-67 examined by the Patent Office in this application. Rule 475(b)(4) reads, in pertinent part, as follows:

An international or a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories:

(4) A process and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process....

(Emphasis added). According to the cited portion of Rule 475, if the